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## Final tests of Delta II lead to liftoff Thursday at 6:08 p.m.

## African-American History Month wraps up with BEST dinner



### ◆ **ELV Update:**

THEMIS is scheduled to launch Thursday from Pad 17-B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Loading of the Delta II second stage with hyper-

golic propellants is scheduled for today and a countdown dress rehearsal is planned to follow. Final testing of the THEMIS spacecraft is set for Wednesday. Retraction of the mobile service tower on launch day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Loading of RP-1 fuel, a highly refined kerosene, aboard the Delta first stage will start at 3:30 p.m. Loading of the cryogenic liquid oxygen aboard the first stage will follow at 4:15 p.m. There will be a 20-minute built-in hold at T-15 minutes, followed by a final 10-minute built-in hold at T-4 minutes, leading to liftoff at 6:08 p.m.

### ◆ **BEST African-American History Month Dinner:**

Tickets are now on sale for the BEST African American History Month Dinner. This year's theme is "Experience the Arts! Exploring African American Culture through Music, Theatre & Arts." The dinner will be held at Radisson Resort at the Port Pavilion in Cape Canaveral on Feb. 24. Social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by the program. The keynote speaker will be former astronaut **Charles Bolden**. The program in-

cludes several performances and showcases, as well as awarding the 2007 Evelyn Johnson Scholarship. The attire is semi-formal and the ticket cost is \$30. Tickets are on sale through Friday from the following:

*Maxine Daniels*, SSPF Rm. 3238, 867-5976; *Wanda Petty*, HQ Rm. 2114B, 867-8188; *Latasha Walker*, Logistics Bldg. Rm. 2710F2, 861-7439; *Willie Mae Moore*, OSB I Rm. 4401W2, 861-4862; *Debbie Houston*, O&C Rm. 2056, 867-6923; *Michun Williams*, Hangar I Annex Rm. 2106, 476-4016; *Valarie Franklin*, O&C Rm. 1020, 867-7051; *Truemilla Johnson*, HQ Rm. 2610P, 867-2307; *Linnette Daniels*, Hangar N Rm. 200, 853-9261; *Bruce Lockley*, Logistics Rm. 3836, 861-1333; or *Sena Jones*, HQ Rm. 3257K, 867-3950.

For more information, please go to <http://best>.

■ **Applications Sought For NASA College Scholarship Fund** — The NASA College Scholarship Fund Inc. is a non-profit organization that awards undergraduate scholarships to qualified NASA dependents pursuing a course of study in science or engineering fields. Up to six scholarships will be awarded this year.

Information on the guidelines for applying for the scholarship can be found at the Web site:

<http://nasapeople.nasa.gov/nasascholarship/index.htm>. Applications are now being accepted and must be received by the corporation scholar-

■ **Did You Know?** Space Shuttle Atlantis is set to roll out to the pad on Wednesday. First motion is expected at 7 a.m.

ship committee at Johnson Space Center no later than March 20. For additional details, please contact Debbie Bitner at *Deborah.L.Bitner@nasa.gov* or 867-0510.

■ **Learn More About Our Weather** — Each day of this week, a weather phenomenon will be featured on the following Web site: [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org).

- Monday: *Lightning*
- Tuesday: *Hurricanes and Floods*
- Wednesday: *Tornadoes and Thunderstorms*
- Thursday: *Marine Hazards*
- Friday: *Temperature Extremes and Wildfires*

■ **KSC All-American Picnic March 10** — Scheduled events include live entertainment, a children's carnival, a car and motorcycle show, the popular Chili Cook-off (with three competitions), a great luncheon menu and much more.

The People's Choice sampling and voting for the chili starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Team registrations are due by Feb. 21.

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